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SUBJECT: AMERICAN OBSERVERS IN VIET NAM

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY DAVID SULLIVAN, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AFL-CIO, JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE HERE WITH OBSERVER GROUP SEPT. 4.

2. "MY VISIT HERE HAS MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION ON ME. I AM IMPRESSED BY THE SPIRIT AND WILL OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO BUILD A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC NATION. I AM IMPRESSED BY HOW MANY PERSONS VOTEDIN THE ELECTION IN DEFIANCE OF THE VIET CONG'S THREATS AND VIOLENCE; I AM IMPRESSED BY THE WORK OF THE

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VIETNAMESE CONFEDERATION
OF LABOR (CVT), THE LARGEST PEOPLES'
ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY. I AM PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE POSITIVE ROLE THAT THE CVT AND ITS MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE TAKEN IN ASSURING FULL, INTELLIGENT PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THESE CRITICAL ELECTIONS. I AM CONFIDENT FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN IN THESE LAST FEW DAYS THAT THE CVT, ITS LEADERS AND ITS MILITANT MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO ADD THEIR WEIGHT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY FOR

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ALL VIETNAMESE.

3. AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AFL-CIO, I BROUGHT TO TRAN QUOC BUU, PRESIDENT OF THE CVT, THE WARM FRATERNAL GREETINGS OF THE AFL-CIO AND ITS PRESIDENT, GEORGE MEANY. I BRING BACK TO THE ENTIRE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT THE GOOD NEWS THAT OUR VIETNAMESE BROTHERS SHARE OUR IDEAL THAT EVERY WORKING MAN HAS BOTH THE RIGHT AND THE DUTY TO TAKE PART IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF HIS NATION, THE RIGHT AND THE DUTY TO FIGHT FOR AND SHARE IN OUR COMMON GOAL -- SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL.

4. AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. OBSERVERS DELEGATION, I CONGRATULATE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ON THE TURN-OUT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 3 ELECTION.

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5. AS A FRIEND OF VIET NAM, I WISH THE NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT THE BEST OF GOOD FORTUNE AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL WILL BE ONE OF ITS TOP PRIORITIES."
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